

page 1 5.2 Properties of the Integral

Additivity

Lemma 5.2.1 Suppose $a < b < c$ and $f: [a, c] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded. Then

$$\int_a^c f = \int_a^b f + \int_b^c f \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\int}_a^c f = \bar{\int}_a^b f + \bar{\int}_b^c f$$

key idea.

pf: Take arbitrary partitions P_1 and P_2 of $[a, b]$ and $[b, c]$. Consider $P = P_1 \cup P_2$ for $[a, c]$.

Note $P = P_1 \cup P_2$ is not the most general partition of $[a, c]$ but is for those with $b \in P$. However, a refinement $P = P_1 \cup P_2$ makes $P = P_1 \cup P_2$ sufficient for purposes of \sup/\inf .

Theorem 5.2.2 Let $a < b < c$. A function $f: [a, c] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann Integrable if and only if f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ and $[b, c]$. If f is Riemann integrable, then $\int_a^c f = \int_a^b f + \int_b^c f$

pf The hardest part (and only nontrivial part) is showing f is integrable on $[a, b]$ and $[b, c]$ if it is on $[a, c]$.

Using the lemma above if f is integrable on $[a, c]$, then

$$\int_a^b f + \int_b^c f \stackrel{\text{lemma}}{=} \int_a^c f \stackrel{\text{hypothesis}}{=} \bar{\int}_a^b f + \bar{\int}_b^c f$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \int_a^b f &= \int_a^b f + \underbrace{\int_b^c f - \int_b^c f}_0 \\ &= (\bar{\int}_a^b f + \bar{\int}_b^c f) - \int_b^c f \quad (\text{hypothesis and lemma}) \\ &= \bar{\int}_a^b f + (\bar{\int}_b^c f - \int_b^c f) \geq \bar{\int}_a^b f \quad \Rightarrow \int_b^c f \leq \bar{\int}_b^c f \\ &\geq \bar{\int}_a^b f. \end{aligned}$$

Since we always have $\int_a^b f \leq \bar{\int}_a^b f$, then we conclude $\int_a^b f = \bar{\int}_a^b f$.

Corollary 5.2.3 If $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ and $[c, d] \subset [a, b]$, then $f|_{[c, d]} \in \mathcal{R}[c, d]$.

Linearity and Monotonicity

Proposition 5.2.4 (Linearity) If $f, g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$(i) \quad \alpha f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b] \quad \text{and} \quad \int_a^b \alpha f = \alpha \int_a^b f$$

$$(ii) \quad f + g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b] \quad \text{and} \quad \int_a^b f + g = \int_a^b f + \int_a^b g$$

Proposition 5.2.5 (Monotonicity) If $f, g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ and $f(x) \leq g(x)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, then $\int_a^b f \leq \int_a^b g$. Key idea
pf Show $L(P, f) \leq L(P, g)$.